

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2007

PRESIDING: President Lauri Olson

PRESENT: Trustees Dennis Bardy, Charlotte Hollenbach, Bruce Hunter, David Kielpinski, Peter Koenig, Cindy Walleck

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Tim Savage, Attorney David McArdle, Engineer Ed Coggin

President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig, Walleck and President Olson were present.

MINUTES: Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the June 21 regular meeting. Seconded by Koenig and passed by voice vote. Approval of the closed session minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS:

a. Consideration of traffic control fliers. Savage reviewed the original problem regarding speeders on South Street. After considering several options, including speed bumps, three way stop signs were installed at South and West Streets. According to Mr. Bruce Young, 5704 South Street, the signs have not alleviated the problem of speed and traffic noise pollution on South Street and he is proposing to take it to the next level by distributing fliers to the residents and drivers in the area. He acknowledged that the speeding would never be stopped but hopes that this will help some. He has also talked to the senior bus services, the school board and UPS, to mention a few who contribute to the problem. Residents of the area are also violators along with drivers using this as a short cut to avoid the Rt 12 traffic. There are no sidewalks on South Street and Young is concerned about children and others walking, riding and skating on South Street. The added police patrol in the area has been helpful. Trustee Hunter stated that he has received calls from residents complaining about the stop signs and he questioned the wisdom of the signs, especially during the winter, since they apparently have not stopped the speeders. Hunter recommended removing the signs and seeing if the fliers provide a better solution. Bardy disagreed, stating that the signs should remain as a deterrent to speeders and that, along with the fliers and added police patrol will continue to slow down drivers. President Olson suggested having Chief Fryksdale provide his review and input. Kielpinski suggested a "no through traffic" sign, if that is appropriate. Koenig added that the traffic on Broadway is also a problem. He also wondered if more noise is being created by the stop sign (acceleration and stopping) and asked if the Village has a decibel ordinance and meter. Hollenbach stated that installation of a sidewalk from West to Main (Rt. 12) was discussed a number of years ago. After further discussion, Kielpinski moved to approve the flier as presented with the deletion of the any reference to fines. Seconded by Walleck and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. The office will provide 300 copies of the flier on Young's paper.

b. President Olson presented a request from residents on Teal Trail to close Teal Trail for a block party on August 4th. Public Works will drop off barricades on Friday and pick them up on Monday. The Board had no objection to the closure. Savage will contact the residents to insure that one side of the street will be accessible for emergency vehicles and he will issue a memo to Public Works and the Police Department.

c. Richmond Rotary has submitted a request to have the \$100.00/day liquor license fee waived for their Richmond Days License. The event will be held on Broadway, west of Rt. 12 to the parking lot. Bryce Klontz, coordinator of the event, will be meeting with the Police Chief next Tuesday. The Village has contributed \$6,000.00 to the event and President Olson will inform the Board if any additional participation is needed from Public Works and the PD besides traffic control, garbage pick up, banner hanging and barricade placement. Bardy moved to waive the special event liquor license fee for the Richmond Rotary. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hunter, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Hollenbach voted no. Kielpinski abstained. A certificate of liquor liability insurance has been submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Ordinance 2007-10, amending Chapter 23, liquor, was presented by Savage. A section has been added which defines and restricts outdoor consumption. Rather than addressing beer gardens under every Classification, a separate section has been added authorizing and providing conditions for beer gardens. Also, a second Class D permit (D-2, package sales) has been established which authorizes sales where more than 50% of the area is devoted to the sale of goods other than alcohol. Kielpinski moved to pass Ordinance 2007-10. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy voted no.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Maureen Murphy, owner of Pawprints of Richmond, located at 5624 Broadway is still looking for updates and information regarding the business to the east of her building, especially if it will impact the easement on her property. She is still concerned about her liability. Savage explained that this goes beyond the Village's realm, being a private matter between land owners. He recommended she obtain legal advice. The village does not require or grant permission for the location of the garbage dumpsters.

Mr. Young reiterated the traffic problems on South Street and again thanked the Board for supporting his traffic flier. If it does not have the desired effect he will work with the Police Chief to come up with new ideas. Young also commended and thanked Wes Lemons and the Public Works Department for completing the utility work on South Street so efficiently.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Carolyn Janus informed the Board that the Richmond Business Partners will be bringing a Circus to town as a fund raiser. The event will take place August 16 at the High School on Route 31. She is requesting that the Board support the fund raiser by waiving the \$100.00 registration fee and buying tickets. The circus will provide the porta potties and Richmond Business will supply the dumpsters. According to Janus, liability insurance has been provided to the high school. Walleck moved to waive the \$100.00 fee for Circus registration. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. ANNEXATION HEARING. President Olson opened the public hearing for Sunset Ridge Annexation Agreement. Attorney for the petitioner, Donald Stinespring was present, along with Barry McMahon, Vice-President of KLM Builders. Stinespring pointed out that Lot 202 is already in the Village and will be removed from the legal description and plat. The property is contiguous to the village along Hunt Club Road. There was no public input and Hunter moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

c. The annexation agreement for Sunset Ridge was reviewed. Savage recommended a flat \$2,000 transition fee regardless of the number of bedrooms. McArdle recommended going back to the William Smith fee schedule and pay everything at the time building permit is issued rather than a portion at final plat approval. A concept plan with detail needs to be attached to the agreement. Kielpinski suggested a dedication of a right of way off Hunt Club Road to the east for future development. No more than 11 or less than 9 lots are being proposed and the agreement will be presented at the next meeting for final approval.

d. Savage presented Ordinance 2007-11, Annual Appropriations Ordinance. He explained that this represents a 50% increase over the approved budget and Board approval is required within the first fiscal quarter. This document sets the legal spending limits for the Village. Hunter moved to pass Ordinance 2007-11. Seconded by Bardy and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

e. Resolution R2007-7, Richmond Days Parade August 25 on Route 12, was presented and reviewed. The Resolution addresses the State's concerns with closures of state highways and only applies to Route 12. Hunter moved to pass. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Hollenbach voted no.

f. Appointments. Tabled

g. Discharge of aged accounts. Tabled to next meeting

h. Manusos Pay request #21, in the amount of \$289,017.78, was presented, reviewed and found to be in order. According to Coggin the plant is operational and he recommends payment. The fence installation, not part of the original contract, is added to this payout and a change order for approximately \$8,000 additional will be submitted along with the final pay request. Hunter moved to approve pay request #21 in the amount of \$289,017.78. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

i. Manusos Pay request #22, in the amount of \$325,336.88 was presented by Coggin who explained that this represents a reduction in retainage from 10% to 5%. The five percent will be held until final punch list items are complete. He recommended approval of this pay request. Hunter moved to recommend payment to Manusos in the amount of \$325,336.88. Seconded by Walleck and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Finance. Hunter informed the Board that the Finance committee recommends publishing and mailing only one copy of the Village newsletter annually and having the others published on the web site. This would save a considerable amount of money. Hunter moved to approve payment of Warrant 2008-2 in the amount of \$75,854.74, including manual checks. Seconded by Bardy and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. Engineers report was reviewed with no question or discussion

c. Trustee Kielpinski asked for clarification on the approved advertising expenditures for EDC. A wall directory sign in the Historic area is proposed along with membership in a new McHenry County magazine. Savage explained that the Board does not have to approve advertising expenditures if they are included in the approved budget. The Architectural Committee will need to approve the sign in the Historic District.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: The By-Pass Feasibility Study hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Funding for the next step of the bypass, the Phase I study, has been identified in IDOT's program and the Village's participation is estimated to be \$92,000 if the County and State also participate at the expected levels. The Federal portion of the money is available and there are provisions for extending the availability if it is not committed by 2010, according to Charlie Eldredge. There are also other possibilities for obtaining additional Federal

funding. The State will have to be petitioned and lobbied for the money. The State money will not be available until after July 2008 according to Coggin. The Phase II study funding is several years in the future.

The estimates for engineering continue to rise and the promise of \$75,000 for the Feasibility Study from the Tamarack landowner was not fulfilled. The original Tamarack agreement also agrees to a dedication of right of way for the bypass.

Eldredge urged the Board to consider supporting the County's McBrick Resolution which mentions the Richmond Bypass. He also urged the Board to get their request for contribution to the County Board, for Phase I, as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Walleck asked when the HVAC work will be done in Memorial Hall. No definite date has been set but Savage will let the Memorial Hall Committee know as soon as it is.

CLOSED SESSION: None

There was no further business. Hunter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:57 p.m.

Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk